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The following observations were made in Cottbus (N 54° 1.57') between 26 February and 6 March 1950:

1. Funker Kaserne:

- a. Still occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, allegedly belonging to an ... unit.
- b. About 180 soldiers were observed drilling without arms on 1 March 1950.
- c. Service of the piece drill was held with eight medium AA guns of the previously reported type. The gun crews numbered 8 to 10.
- d. About 120 soldiers were seen at training, 23 of them with rifles, on 4 March 1950.

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2. Artillerie Kaserne on "arl Liebknechtstrasse:

- a. Still occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with radio insignia. The repeatedly reported, canvas-covered two field howitzers were at the same place. A rocket launcher mounted on truck [redacted]

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- b. Service of the piece drill with 102-mm guns was observed on 28 February 1950. Each gun crew numbered one officer and 10 to 12 men. A hundred to 120 soldiers, one third of them with rifles, were drilling in groups of 30 to 35 men in the barracks yard at the same time.

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3. Hermann Loens Kaserne:

a. Still occupied by the previously reported staff of about 150 officers, about 40 percent being field officers, artillery, tank and radio insignia were observed.

b. The building north of the barracks were occupied by a unit of about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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25X1 d. Ambulance [redacted] and [redacted] passenger cars were seen in the barracks area.

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4. Sachsendorf Kaserne:

a. No change in the occupation of the barracks was observed. The southern kaserne section was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, the middle section by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without insignia, and the northern section by 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

b. Some soldiers were again observed to wear red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia but it could not be learned whether they belonged to a tank unit or were only attached.

c. Training with an unidentified number of medium mortars and AF guns was observed on 1 March 1950. Each training group numbered from 10 to 14 men.

d. Four officers and 220 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and carrying rifles, practice targets and ammunition boxes, were observed marching out of the barracks.

e. Troops training with five medium mortars and undergoing intensive drill in groups of from 10 to 40 men were observed on 3 March 1950.

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5. Dissenchen Kaserne:

a. Occupied by a unit of about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without insignia, another unit of about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and a third unit of 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A previously reported motor transport unit and another unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia were not seen in the barracks.

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b. eight groups of 12 to 14 men each were observed drilling, two of the
groups being engaged in loading and aiming practice with mortars.

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The continuous observations at the Cottbus barracks by the same source
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